

# Extension of Murakami's High Order Nonlinear Solver to Multiple Roots

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## Abstract

Several one-parameter families of fourth order methods for finding multiple zeros of nonlinear functions are developed. The methods are based on Murakami's fifth order method (for simple roots) and they require one evaluation of the function and three evaluations of the derivative. The informational efficiency of the methods is the same as previously developed methods of lower order. All these methods require the knowledge of the multiplicity.

## 1 Introduction

There is a vast literature on the solution of nonlinear equations and nonlinear systems, see for example Ostrowski [1], Traub [2], Neta [3] and references there. Recently several papers by Sharma [4], Sharma and Goyal [5], Homeier [6] and Grau and Diaz Barrero [7] discuss methods for finding **simple** roots. Here we develop a high order fixed point type method to approximate a **multiple** root. There are several methods for computing a zero  $\xi$  of multiplicity  $m$  of a nonlinear equation  $f(x) = 0$ , see Neta [3] and Neta and Johnson [8]. Newton's method is only of first order unless it is modified to gain the second order of convergence, see Rall [9] or Schröder [10]. This modification requires a knowledge of the multiplicity. Traub [2] has suggested to use any method for  $f^{(m)}(x)$  or  $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ . Any such method will require higher derivatives than the corresponding one for simple zeros. Also the first one of those methods require the knowledge of the multiplicity  $m$ . In such a case, there are several other methods developed by Hansen and Patrick [11], Victory and Neta [12], Dong [13], and Neta and Johnson [8]. Since in general one doesn't know the multiplicity, Traub [2] suggested a way to approximate it during the iteration.

For example, the quadratically convergent modified Newton's method is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - m \frac{f_n}{f'_n} \quad (1)$$

and the cubically convergent Halley's method [14] is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f_n}{\frac{m+1}{2m} f'_n - \frac{f_n f''_n}{2f'_n}} \quad (2)$$

where  $f_n^{(i)}$  is short for  $f^{(i)}(x_n)$ . Another third order method was developed by Victory and Neta [12] and based on King's fifth order method (for simple roots) [15]

$$\begin{aligned} w_n &= x_n - \frac{f_n}{f'_n} \\ x_{n+1} &= w_n - \frac{f(w_n)}{f'_n} \frac{f_n + Af(w_n)}{f_n + Bf(w_n)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \mu^{2m} - \mu^{m+1} \\ B &= -\frac{\mu^m(m-2)(m-1) + 1}{(m-1)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\mu = \frac{m}{m-1} \quad (5)$$

Yet two other third order methods developed by Dong [13], both require the same information and both based on a family of fourth order methods (for simple roots) due to Jarratt [16]:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - u_n - \frac{f_n}{\left(\frac{m}{m-1}\right)^{m+1} f'(x_n - u_n) + \frac{m-m^2-1}{(m-1)^2} f'_n} \quad (6)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{m}{m+1} u_n - \frac{\frac{m}{m+1} f_n}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^m f'\left(x_n - \frac{m}{m+1} u_n\right) - f'_n} \quad (7)$$

where

$$u_n = \frac{f_n}{f'_n}. \quad (8)$$

Neta and Johnson [8] have developed a fourth order method based on Jarrat's method ([17]). The method in general is given by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f_n}{a_1 f'_n + a_2 f'(y_n) + a_3 f'(\eta_n)} \quad (9)$$

where  $u_n$  is given by (8) and

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= x_n - a u_n \\ v_n &= \frac{f_n}{f'(y_n)} \\ \eta_n &= x_n - b u_n - c v_n \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the parameters  $a, b, c, a_1, a_2, a_3$  depend on the multiplicity  $m$ .

Our starting point here is Murakami's 2-parameter family of methods [18] given by the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - a_1 u_n - a_2 w_2(x_n) - a_3 w_3(x_n) - \psi(x_n) \quad (11)$$

where  $u_n$  is given by (8) and

$$\begin{aligned}
w_2(x_n) &= \frac{f_n}{f'(y_n)}, & y_n &= x_n - au_n \\
w_3(x_n) &= \frac{f_n}{f'(z_n)}, & z_n &= x_n - bu_n - cw_2(x_n) \\
\psi(x_n) &= \frac{f_n}{b_1 f'_n + b_2 f'(y_n)}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Murakami has shown that this family of methods (for simple roots) is of order 5 ([18]) if the parameters are chosen appropriately. The method requires one function- and three derivative-evaluation per step. Thus the informational efficiency (see [2]) is 1.25.

## 2 New Higher Order Scheme

We would like to find the eight parameters  $a, b, c, a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2$  so as to maximize the order of convergence to a root  $\xi$  of multiplicity  $m$ . Let  $e_n, \hat{e}_n, \epsilon_n$  be the errors at the  $n^{th}$  step, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
e_n &= x_n - \xi \\
\hat{e}_n &= y_n - \xi \\
\epsilon_n &= z_n - \xi
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

If we expand  $f(x_n)$ , and  $f'(x_n)$  in Taylor series (truncated after the  $N^{th}$  power,  $N > m$ ) we have

$$f(x_n) = f(x_n - \xi + \xi) = f(\xi + e_n) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{m!} \left( e_n^m + \sum_{i=m+1}^N A_i e_n^i \right) \tag{14}$$

or

$$f(x_n) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{m!} e_n^m \left( 1 + \sum_{i=m+1}^N B_{i-m} e_n^{i-m} \right) \tag{15}$$

where

$$A_i = \frac{m! f^{(i)}(\xi)}{i! f^{(m)}(\xi)}, \quad i > m \tag{16}$$

$$B_{i-m} = A_i$$

$$f'(x_n) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{(m-1)!} e_n^{m-1} \left( 1 + \sum_{i=m+1}^N \frac{i}{m} B_{i-m} e_n^{i-m} \right) \tag{17}$$

To expand  $f'(y_n)$  and  $f'(z_n)$  we use some symbolic manipulator, such as Maple [19], we find

$$f'(y_n) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{(m-1)!} \hat{e}_n^{m-1} \left( 1 + \frac{m+1}{m} B_1 \hat{e}_n + \frac{m+2}{m} B_2 \hat{e}_n^2 + \dots \right) \tag{18}$$

$$\hat{e}_n = e_n - au_n = \mu e_n + \frac{a}{m^2} B_1 e_n^2 + \left[ \frac{2a}{m^2} B_2 - \frac{a(m+1)}{m^3} B_1^2 \right] e_n^3 + \dots \quad (19)$$

where

$$\mu = \frac{m-a}{m} \quad (20)$$

Thus

$$f'(y_n) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{(m-1)!} e_n^{m-1} (c_0 + c_1 e_n + c_2 e_n^2 + c_3 e_n^3 + \dots) \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= \mu^{m-1} \\ c_1 &= \mu^{m-2} \frac{(m-a)^2(m+1) + am(m-1)}{m^3} B_1 \\ c_2 &= \frac{\mu^{m-3}}{m^5} \left[ am \left( (m-a)^2 + m(a+1)^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} a^2 m^2 (m+7) \right] B_1^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu^{m-3}}{m^5} \left[ (m+2)(m-a)^4 + 2a(m-a)m^2(m-1) \right] B_2 \\ c_3 &= \mu^m \frac{(m+3)(m-a)^2}{m^3} B_3 - \frac{a\mu^{m-3}}{m^6} \left[ (m^2 + 3m + 2)(a-m)^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2m^2(m+1)(a-m)^2 - 2m^2 a(m-1)(m-2) \right] B_1 B_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\mu^{m-4}}{6m^6} a \left[ 3(2m^2 + 4m + 1)(a-m)^3 + 2(m+3)(a-m)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a^2 m^2 (3a + m - 18) + am^2(-3m^2 + 12m + 16) - m^2(5m + 6) \right] B_1^3 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

The error in  $z_n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_n &= e_n - bu_n - cw_2(x_n) = \left( 1 - \frac{b}{m} - \frac{c}{m} \mu^{1-m} \right) e_n \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{b}{m^2} + \frac{c}{m^2} \mu^{-m} \left[ \mu^2 - \frac{a(1-a)}{m} \right] \right) B_1 e_n^2 \\ &\quad + \left[ \frac{2b}{m^2} - \left( \frac{\alpha_1}{m^6} c \mu^{-m-1} \right) B_2 - \left( \frac{\alpha_2}{2m^7} c \mu^{-m-1} + \frac{b(m+1)}{m^3} \right) B_1^2 \right] e_n^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= -a^4(m+2) + 4a^3m(m+2) - a^2m^2(3m+14) + 2m^3(5a-m) \\ \alpha_2 &= 2a^4m(m+2) - 4a^3m^2(m+4) - 12a^3m + (3m+19)m^3a^2 + 22a^2m^2 \\ &\quad - 2am^3(5m+7) + 2a^4 + 2m^5 + 2m^4 \end{aligned}$$

Now expand  $f'(z_n)$  in terms of  $e_n$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_n) &= \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{(m-1)!} \epsilon_n^{m-1} \left( 1 + \frac{m+1}{m} B_1 \epsilon_n + \frac{m+2}{m} B_2 \epsilon_n^2 + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi)}{(m-1)!} \epsilon_n^{m-1} (d_0 + d_1 e_n + d_2 e_n^2 + d_3 e_n^3 + \dots) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 &= \lambda^{m-1} \\ d_1 &= \lambda^{m-2} \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_1 c \mu^{-m} + \beta_2 c^2 \mu^{-2m} + \beta_3 b c \mu^{-m}}{m^5} B_1 \\ d_2 &= \frac{\lambda^{m-3}}{2m^{10} \mu^{3m+1}} \left[ - \left( D_1^0 + D_1^1 \mu^m + D_1^2 \mu^{2m} + D_1^3 \mu^{3m} \right) B_1^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( D_2^{-1} \mu^{-m} + D_2^0 + D_2^1 \mu^m + D_2^2 \mu^{2m} + D_2^3 \mu^{3m} \right) B_2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{m(m-b) - c(m-a)\mu^{-m}}{m^2} \\ \beta_0 &= (m^2 b(b-m) + m^4 \mu^{2m})(m+1) \\ \beta_1 &= m(a^2(m^2-1) + ma(5-m) - m^2(m+3)) \\ \beta_2 &= (m-a)^2(m+1) \\ \beta_3 &= 2m(m+1)(m-a). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The  $D_i^j$  are complicated expressions and will be given in the appendix. Now substitute (15), (17), (21), and (24) into (8), (12) and expand the quotients in Taylor series, then substitute all these into (11), we get

$$e_{n+1} = C_1^1 e_n + C_2^1 B_1 e_n^2 + (C_3^1 B_1^2 + C_3^2 B_2) e_n^3 + (C_4^1 B_1^3 + C_4^2 B_1 B_2 + C_4^3 B_3) e_n^4 + \dots \quad (27)$$

where the coefficients  $C_i^j$  depend on the parameters  $a, b, c, b_1, b_2, a_1, a_2$ , and  $a_3$ . Because of the complexity, we have taken  $a = m/2$ ,  $b_2 = 1 - 2^{m-1} b_1$  and either  $b = 0$  or  $c = 0$ . Thus we reduced the number of parameters to five and as a consequence we were unable to get fifth order methods. The results for  $m = 2$ ,  $m = 3$  and  $m = 4$  are given in Table 1.

To summarize, we managed to obtain a family of fourth order methods requiring one function- and three derivative-evaluation per step. The informational efficiency,  $E = p/d$ , of these methods is 1, as all the above mentioned methods for multiple roots. The efficiency index,  $I = p^{1/d}$ , is 1.4142 which is lower than the index for those third order methods. For  $m = 2$ , we found that  $a_3 = 0$  and thus we need one less derivative. This happened also for the methods developed by Neta and Johnson [8]. In this case the informational efficiency is  $4/3$  and the efficiency index is 1.5874. These results are given in Table 2. Clearly if the cost

m	2	2	3	3	4	4
a	1	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	2
b	0	free	0	0.9415780151	0	11.9151259843
c	free	0	0.2353945038	0	1.9640446368	0
$b_1$	1	1	free	free	0.05	.0625
$b_2$	-1	-1	$1 - 4b_1$	$1 - 4b_1$	0.0268934369	.5
$a_1$	-6	-6	$-2.5128989321 - 16b_1$	$-10.571320917 - 16b_1$	-7.49156894	5.6116821612
$a_2$	3	3	$-1.8238807632 + 4b_1$	$0.1907247330 + 4b_1$	-0.91067191	-1.2089575039
$a_3$	0	0	4.1469082443	4.1469082443	-0.92646960	-0.4647127230
$C_4^1$	$\frac{15}{32}$	$\frac{15}{32}$	-6.1027059066	-6.1836740792	-1.35078537	-1.0152077055
$C_4^2$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	9.4693139272	9.5300400567	2.141639816	1.5300422793
$C_4^3$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	-3.4826758270	<sup>7</sup> -3.4826758270	-0.822966734	-0.5494657588

Table 1: The parameters for various values of  $m$

method	$f$	$f'$	$f''$	$p$	$d$	$E = p/d$	$I = p^{1/d}$
<i>Schröder</i>	1	1	0	2	2	1	1.4142
<i>Hansen&amp;Patrick</i>	1	1	1	3	3	1	1.442
<i>Halley</i>	1	1	1	3	3	1	1.442
<i>Victory&amp;Neta</i>	2	1	0	3	3	1	1.442
<i>Dong</i>	1	2	0	3	3	1	1.442
<i>Neta&amp;Johnson</i>	1	3	0	4	4	1	1.4142
<i>Neta&amp;Johnson, m = 2</i>	1	2	0	4	3	1.3333	1.5874
<i>Neta</i>	1	3	0	4	4	1	1.4142
<i>Neta, m = 2</i>	1	2	0	4	3	1.3333	1.45874

Table 2: Comparison of Methods for Multiple Roots



of evaluating the derivatives is different than that of evaluating the function, one can make an argument to using the appropriate method for the case at hand.

### 3 Numerical Experiments

In all our numerical experiments, we have used the appropriate method with  $b = 0$ , except for example 3 when we used both schemes. In our first example we took a quadratic polynomial having a double roots at  $\xi = 1$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1 \quad (28)$$

Here we started with  $x_0 = 0$  and the root was found in 1 iteration. The modified Newton method (1)converged as fast and Newton's method required 10 iterations to get as close as  $10^{-7}$ . In the second example we took a polynomial having two double roots at  $\xi = \pm 1$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 \quad (29)$$

Starting at  $x_0 = 0.8$  or  $x_0 = 0.6$  our method converged in 2 iterations. The results are given in Table 3.

$n$	$x$	$f$	$x$	$f$
0	0.8	0.1296	0.6	0.4096
1	1.00100728	0.4062524998(-5)	1.03262653	0.004398017
2	1.00000000	0	1.000000036	0.5060180(-12)

Table 3: Results for Example 2

Similar results were obtained when starting at  $x_0 = -0.8$  to converge to  $\xi = -1$ . For comparison, we have tried the modified Newton. Using  $x_0 = 0.6$  we required 4 iterations to achieve  $10^{-9}$  accuracy.

The next example is a polynomial with triple root at  $\xi = 1$

$$f(x) = x^5 - 8x^4 + 24x^3 - 34x^2 + 23x - 6 \quad (30)$$

The iteration starts with  $x_0 = 0$  and the results are summarized in Table 4. The first 3 columns using the scheme with  $b = 0$  and the last three columns using  $c = 0$ .

Another example with double root at  $\xi = 0$  is

$$f(x) = x^2 e^x \quad (31)$$

Starting at  $x_0 = 0.1$  or even  $x = 0.2$  our method converged in 2 iterations. The results are given in Table 5.

The next example having a double root at  $\xi = 1$  is

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 8x^3 - 6x^2 - 24x + 19 \quad (32)$$

Now we started with  $x_0 = 0.5$  and the results are summarized is Table 6.

$n$	$x$	$f$	$n$	$x$	$f$
0	0	-6.	0	0	-6.
1	0.989582711	-0.22964188(-5)	1	0.985370624	-0.64000004(-5)
2	0.999999994	1(-18)	2	0.999999974	0

Table 4: Results for Example 3. The first 3 columns using the scheme with  $b = 0$  and the last 3 using  $c = 0$

$n$	$x$	$f$	$x$	$f$
0	0.1	0.11051709(-1)	0.2	0.4885611033(-1)
1	0.2069496569(-4)	0.428290468(-9)	0.286951344(-3)	0.8236470507(-7)
2	0.43944 (-19)	0.193107514(-38)	0.162369865(-14)	0.2636397306(-29)

Table 5: Results for Example 4

$n$	$x$	$f$
0	0.5	6.6875
1	1.00806166565	0.235014761(-2)
2	1.00000000024	0.2 (-17)

Table 6: Results for Example 5

The last example having a root at  $\xi = 1$  with multiplicity  $m = 4$  and a simple root at  $\xi = -1$ , i.e.

$$f(x) = x^5 - 3x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 1 \quad (33)$$

Now we started with  $x_0 = 0.01$  and the results are summarized in Table 7. This is the only case we needed more than 2 iterations to converge.

$n$	$x$	$f$
0	0.01	0.9702019701
1	0.090514708167	0.905147081668(-1)
2	0.562284899208	0.573490665693(-1)
3	0.993019776872	0.47313908958(-8)
4	0.999999999699	0

Table 7: Results for Example 6

## Conclusions

We have extended Murakami's method to obtain non-simple zeros. We have developed a one-parameter family of fourth order methods for various values of the multiplicity. The methods listed are not the only solution to the system of equations and we only listed a representative scheme. The numerical experiments demonstrate the rapid convergence of our method. Because of the complexity of the symbolic manipulation, we had to assign certain values to some of the parameters and were unable to achieve fifth order.

## Appendix

Here we list the coefficients  $D_i^j$  in the expression for  $d_2$  in (25).

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1^0 &= -26c^3a^2m^4 + 32m^4c^3a^3 + 26c^3a^3m^3 - 18c^3a^4m^3 - 28m^5c^3a^2 - 2m^6c^3 \\
&\quad - 2m^6c^3a^2 + 6m^5c^3a^3 - 2m^7c^3 + 2c^3a^5m^3 + 12m^6c^3a - 12c^3a^4m^2 + 4c^3a^5m^2 \\
&\quad - 6c^3a^4m^4 + 12c^3am^5 + 2c^3a^5m \\
D_1^1 &= -37m^6c^2a - 2m^5c^2a - m^7c^2a - 4m^6c^2a^2b + 7m^6c^2a^3 - m^6c^2a^2 - m^6c^2a^4 \\
&\quad + 72m^5c^2a^2 - 8c^2a^4m^3b + 26m^6bac^2 - 38bc^2a^2m^4 - 4c^2a^4m^2b - m^7c^2a^2 \\
&\quad + 8m^5c^2a^3b + m^4c^2a^5 - 6bc^2m^6 + 22bc^2a^3m^3 - 7m^5c^2a^4 + 2m^4c^2a^2 + 26bc^2am^5 \\
&\quad + m^8c^2 - 42bc^2a^2m^5 - c^2a^5m^3 - 7m^5c^2a^3 + 7m^7c^2 - c^2a^5m^2 + 9m^4c^2a^4 \\
&\quad - 4m^4c^2a^4b + 15c^2a^4m^3 + 30bc^2a^3m^4 + m^5c^2a^5 - 56c^2a^3m^4 - 6m^7c^2b \\
D_1^2 &= -10ca^3m^4b + 2ca^4m^2b - 2m^6ca^2b^2 - 5m^6ca^2 - 8m^3bca^3 - 2m^7c + 2ca^4m^3b \\
&\quad + 6m^7ca^2 + 14m^7bc - 2m^7bca + 2m^5ca^3b^2 + 8m^4bca^2 + 16b^2cam^5 + 14m^6ca \\
&\quad - 2m^8ca + 4m^7ca - m^7ca^2b - 2ca^4m^3 - 2ca^4m^4b + 2m^6ca^4 - 6b^2m^6c - 2m^8c \\
&\quad - 8m^6ca^3 + 2b^2ca^3m^3 - 22ca^2m^5 + 6ca^3m^5 - 2m^7ca^3 + m^8ca^2 + 2m^6ca^3b \\
&\quad - 44m^6bca + 16b^2am^6c + 2m^8bc - 2ca^4m^4 + 4ca^3m^4b^2 + 12ca^3m^4 - 12b^2a^2m^4c \\
&\quad + 37m^5ba^2c - 2m^5ca^4b - 14b^2a^2m^5c - 2m^5bca - 6m^7cb^2 + 4m^6ba^2c + 2ca^4m^5 \\
D_1^3 &= 2b^3am^5 - 7m^6b^2a + 2b^3am^6 + 7m^7b^2 + 2m^7ba - 2m^8b + m^8b^2 - 2b^3m^6 \\
&\quad - 2m^7b^3 - 2bm^7 - m^7b^2a + 2bam^6 \\
\\
D_2^{-1} &= 20c^4m^4a + 40c^4a^3m^2 - 40c^4a^2m^3 - 20m^4c^4a^2 + 2c^4a^5m + 4c^4a^5 \\
&\quad + 10m^5c^4a - 2m^6c^4 - 10c^4a^4m^2 - 20c^4a^4m + 20c^4a^3m^3 - 4c^4m^5 \\
D_2^0 &= -64c^3a^3m^3 - 64c^3am^5 - 16bc^3m^5 + 96c^3a^2m^4 - 8m^6bc^3 + 8c^3a^4m^3 \\
&\quad - 32m^6c^3a - 32m^4c^3a^3 + 16c^3a^4m^2 + 64bc^3a^3m^2 + 48m^5c^3a^2 - 16bc^3a^4m \\
&\quad - 96bc^3a^2m^3 + 64bc^3am^4 + 32m^5bc^3a - 8bc^3a^4m^2 + 32bc^3a^3m^3 + 16m^6c^3 \\
&\quad - 48bc^3a^2m^4 \\
D_2^1 &= -48bc^2a^3m^3 - 14m^6c^2a^3 - 144bc^2am^5 - 72m^6bac^2 + 12b^2a^3m^3c^2 \\
&\quad - 36b^2a^2m^4c^2 + 24b^2a^3m^2c^2 - 72b^2c^2a^2m^3 - 24bc^2a^3m^4 - 20c^2a^4m^3 + 4c^2a^5m^2 \\
&\quad + 10m^4c^2a^4 + 68c^2a^3m^4 + 96m^6c^2a - 2m^4c^2a^5 + 12m^7c^2a + 24m^7c^2b + 36b^2am^5c^2 \\
&\quad + 72bc^2a^2m^5 - 12m^6b^2c^2 + 6m^7c^2a^2 + 144bc^2a^2m^4 - 120m^5c^2a^2 + 72b^2c^2am^4 \\
&\quad - 8m^8c^2 - 18m^5c^2a^3 - 24b^2m^5c^2 - 28m^7c^2 + 10m^5c^2a^4 + 6m^6c^2a^2 + 48bc^2m^6 \\
&\quad - 2c^2a^5m^3 \\
D_2^2 &= -14m^7ca^2 + 4m^8ca + 20m^8c + 6m^7ca^2b - 80m^5ba^2c - 96b^2cam^5 \\
&\quad + 16b^3am^5c - 8m^6ca^3b - 8m^5ca^3b + 8m^7c^3 + 2m^5ca^4b - 16ca^3m^5 + 16ca^3m^4b \\
&\quad - 8b^3a^2m^4c - 16b^3m^5c - 16m^8bc + 24b^2a^2m^5c + 124m^6bca - 4ca^4m^3b - 8m^6b^3c \\
&\quad + 32b^3cam^4 + 48b^2a^2m^4c + 4ca^4m^4 + 24m^7cb^2 - 16b^3a^2m^3c + 8m^6ca^3 - 2ca^4m^5 \\
&\quad + 2m^6ba^2c + 44m^6ca^2 + 2ca^4m^4b - 48b^2am^6c + 20m^7bca - 6m^8ca^2 \\
&\quad + 4m^9c - 56m^7bc - 2m^6ca^4 + 8m^7ca^3 - 52m^7ca + 48b^2m^6c \\
D_2^3 &= -20m^7ba + 2b^4am^5 - 4m^8ba + 4m^9b - 4m^9 - 2m^{10} - 4b^4m^5 \\
&\quad + 20m^8b - 16b^3am^5 + 8m^7b^2a - 8b^3am^6 + 4b^4am^4 + 28m^6b^2a - 2m^6b^4 - 8m^8b^2 \\
&\quad + 8m^7b^3 - 28m^7b^2 + 2m^9a + 16b^3m^6 + 4m^8a
\end{aligned}$$

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